Change in the City: Opportunities for Architects in the New Urban Agenda Conference – 4 July 2017

The RIBA's International Conference is a call to arms. Times are changing, and so must the profession. To make a difference, we need to work and think in new ways.

Join us to find out how architects and the profession remain relevant during these changing times and network with our outstanding experts, your peers, urban planners, developers and academics.

What is the New Urban Agenda?
Every 20 years, the UN stages a global summit to outline, debate and agree the key issues affecting housing and sustainable urbanisation over the next two decades. Discussing city-making topics as wide and varied as migration and security to housing, urban mobility and social cohesion; mayors, political leaders, built environment experts and urbanists come together to debate, agree and adopt a global strategy – the New Urban Agenda.

What does this mean for architects, where are the opportunities?
How can architects face the challenges of rapid urbanisation and yet thrive in the creation of 21st-century worldwide cities? This conference looks closely at the role architects can play in building the good city, at every stage of their career, for practices of any size, working in all parts of the world. With a host of key speakers of international stature including Sir David Chipperfield, Dr Joan Clos, Ollie Decq, Debede Francois Kéré, Amanda Levete and Ma Yansong as well as urbanists and sociologists, the day explores and highlights the expertise that architects can bring to the making of a cohesive society.

Grounding the New Urban Agenda in tangible case studies, we discuss how architects need to innovate to cope with ever increasing demands on housing; what types of building will encourage communities in dense environments; and how to balance the changing needs of the population while protecting the city's heritage.

Other events and activities this Week
RIBA Late: Beyond Borders launch of installations Monday 3 - Friday 7 July Each summer, the RIBA gives practising architects and students the opportunity to display their ideas and work through the Architecture Open. This year’s open-call theme, ‘Beyond Borders’, rethinks the thresholds that divide nations, communities and families and consider the possibilities of our shared boundaries on global, local and domestic scales. The installations launch on 3 July and remain in place until September 2017. Architecture Open is sponsored by Cosentino.

Delivering the New Urban Agenda through competitions Monday 3 - Friday 7 July This four-day exhibition showcases shortlisted and winning entries from previous RIBA competitions, uncovering the kinds of fresh, disruptive ideas needed to meet the world’s most important urban challenges. In particular, it reflects on three critical themes emerging from the United Nations’ New Urban Agenda for delivering sustainable urban development: architects’ agency in creating a cohesive society; affordable and sustainable housing: how architects can influence client choices; and protecting cultural heritage: deploying architects’ design vision to unlock economic and community value for clients.

International Prize Launch Tuesday 4 July, 7pm (free for conference ticket holders) This event will launch the call for entries for the second RIBA International Prize. It’s by invitation only but part of the offer for Change in the City conference delegates.

International Women in Architecture Day Wednesday 5 July (social media event) A call for colleagues around the world to celebrate women architects by hosting your own event and participating in a social media campaign. With thanks to Marks Barfield Architects, The Rothschild Foundation, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, ORMS and Taittinger Champagne. #EthelDay is a social media campaign named after Ethel Charles, the first woman to be admitted to the RIBA in 1898. Please sign up to the Ethel Day Thunderclap via your own social channels http://thndr.me/tRMkjM
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**Time** | **Name** | **Description** | **Speakers**
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9.00 | Arrival |  | 

**9.30-10.30** | The New Urban Agenda: a guide for the perplexed | Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, and former Mayor of Barcelona, outlines key issues in the New Urban Agenda and presents a new global standard for sustainable urban development, and will help us rethink how we plan, manage and live in cities – explaining where the opportunities lie for architects | Joan Clos, Anna Minton, RIBA President Jane Duncan and RIBA Vice President International Peter Oborne

**10.30-11.30** | A politician’s perspective: the future for cities | Architects think they can play a key role in creating the future city, but given so few attended the New Urban Summit, do prominent figures from the sectors who did actually attend agree? | Sir David Chipperfield, Ollie Decq, Elizabeth Diller, Sarah Gaventa, Amanda Levete, Ma Yansong

**11.30-12.00** | Break |  | 

**12.00 - 14.00** | The architects’ perspectives: roles and opportunities | Leading international architects discuss how they think their skills can be better used in city making. Is it at a macro level, or via individual buildings? | George Ferguson, Dan Hill, Tristram Hunt, Eduardo Paes, Sara Sassen

**14.00 - 14.15** | A sense of belonging; how to create a cohesive society | As we live for longer and land prices continue to rise, are architects collectively defending the right of people to homes to deal with our changing society? | Michael Laidford, Robert Mul, Christopher Sharpleys, Yin Wen Ying

**14.15 - 15.30** | Housing: opportunities for architects to innovate | Setting the agenda for the day, Tristram Hunt talks to architects about how they can be the architects of change in housing: through design, through the concepts of cohousing, and related with organized urban development initiatives. His recent projects include the books *Coliving: Culturing and Collaborative Living: the shared housing fur experimental housing* and the平台 *Coliving: Collaborative*. | Bob Bevan, Hannah Corlett, Farkhad Derakhshan, Deborah Frances Kéré

**15.15 - 15.30** | Lunch in the Florence Hall |  | 

**15.45 - 16.30** | Break |  | 

**16.00 - 17.00** | Cultural heritage: unlock economics and community value | Protecting the world’s cultural and natural heritage is one of the aims of the New Urban Agenda. We ask what positive role architects can play and how | Rob Bevan, Hannah Corlett, Farkhad Derakhshan, Deborah Frances Kéré

**17.00 - 18.15** | Closing remarks |  | 

**18.30 - 20.30** | International Prize Launch | Networking event opening the call for entries for the second RIBA International Prize | Jane Duncan and Peter Oborne

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**Tickets:**

- **£35 + VAT Non-members**
- **£100 + VAT RIBA Members**
- **£125 + VAT Non-members**

*Early bird prices available until 2 July 2017*